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CEASE THEIR HOSPITAL WORK FEBRUARY 28

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1. SUMMARY. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF LETTER FROM PMAC WHICH THEY CONSIDER UNSATISFACTORY, SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST LEADERS DECIDED EMPRESS ZAUDITU HOSPITAL MUST CEASE OPERATIONS UNDER THEIR CONTROL AND RESPONSIBILITY. ACCORDINGLY, THEY HAVE TENDERED CONTROL OF HOSPITAL TO MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO BE EFFECTIVE COB FEBRUARY 28. MISSION PERSONNEL, INCLUDING ABOUT DOZEN PROFESSIONALS, WILL BE WITHDRAWN BY THAT DATE. MINISTRY HAS BEEN REQUESTED APPOINT NEW ADMINISTRATOR IMMEDIATELY AND OTHER SENIOR PROFESSIONALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO INSURE NON-INTERRUPTION OF HOSPITAL SERVICES AND PREVENT ANY HARDSHIP FOR EMPLOYEES. ADVENTISITS HAVE OFFERED THEIR FULL COOPERATION TO INSURE ORDERLY TRANSITION. MANY DETAILS REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT, BUT BASIC DECISION TO LEAVE IS FIRM. WHERE MINISTRY WILL FIND ENOUGH MEDICAL AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL TO TAKE OVER

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REMAINS MAJOR PROBLEM.

2. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DELAY IN TRANSMISSION, LETTER FROM PMAC SIGNED BY MAJ. MENGISTU WAS DELIVERED TO SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST LEADERS. LETTER STRESSED ETHIOPIA'S COMMITMENT TO UPHOLD PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND RIGHT TO BARGAIN COLLECTIVELY AND CITED ILO CONVENTIONS 87 AND 98. SYSTEMS, INSTITUTIONS AND LAWS BUILT ON THESE PRINCIPLES SEEK CREATE ATMOSPHERE FOR DIALOGUE TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES AND REACH NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENTS. LETTER CONTINUES ON THEME UNIONS HAVE GIVEN WORKERS EQUAL BASIS FOR DEALING WITH THEIR EMPLOYERS AND HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN IMPROVING LIVING STANDARDS AND WORKING CONDITIONS. IN PMAC'S VIEW THERE IS NO CONFLICT BETWEEN UNION OBJECTIVES AND THOSE OF MISSION HOSPITAL IN SERVING HUMANITY. SINCE EXISTING LAW MAKES NO DISTINCTIONS AMONG WORKERS OF DIFFERENT ENTITIES, PMAC HOPES HOSPITAL AND MISSION AUTHORITIES WILL ABIDE BY PROVISIONS OF LAW.

3. PROSPECT OF HAVING TO DEAL WITH UNION AND THUS TO RECOGNIZE IT WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO ADVENTIST MISSION, AND DECISION WAS MADE TO CLOSE MISSION'S HOSPITAL WORK. NOTICE WAS GIVEN TO MINISTRY OF NATIONAL RESOURCES (CUSTODIAN OF LAND ON WHICH HOSPITAL BUILT) THAT MISSION WAS OBLIGED TO BRING THEIR OPERATIONS OF HOSPITAL TO A STOP. IN CALL ON MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, LATER CONFIRMED IN WRITING, MISSION TENDERED CONTROL OF HOSPITAL TO THAT MINISTRY AS OF C.O.B. FEBRUARY 28 AND REQUESTED IMMEDIATE APPOINTMENT OF MINISTRY ADMINISTRATOR WHO COULD FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT OF HOSPITAL BEFORE CLOSING DATE. MISSION ALSO PROVIDED LIST OF POSITIONS WHICH WOULD REQUIRE REPLACEMENTS, INCLUDING ABOUT DOZEN MEDICAL AND TECHNICAL POSITIONS. MINISTRY WAS INVITED TO PROVIDE SUCH PERSONNEL AS SOON AS IT WISHED SO THAT ORDERLY TRANSITION COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT INTERRUPTION OF HOSPITAL SERVICES AND WITHOUT HARDSHIP TO EMPLOYEES.

4. ADVENTIST MISSION HAS NUMEROUS PROBLEMS STILL TO BE WORKED OUT, SUCH AS STATUS THEIR FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IN BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT. MORE IMPORTANT QUESTION IS SOURCE FOR SUFFICIENT MEDICAL AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL TO TAKE OVER. AT PRESENT THERE IS NO SURPLUS QUALIFIED PROFESSIONALS FOR HOSPITALS; IN FACT SHORTAGE IS ACUTE. POSSIBILITY EXISTS MINISTRY MAY CLOSE SOME OF LESS EFFICIENT HOSPITAL UNITS IN ADDIS AND MOVE PERSONNEL TO MORE MODERN FACILITIES, SUCH AS SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST HOSPITAL AND DUKE OF HARAR HOSPITAL.

5. EMBASSY DISCUSSED PROBLEM SEVERAL TIMES WITH
ADVENTIST OFFICIALS AND CHARGE' CALLED ON MINISTER OF
HEALTH, BUT NO COMPROMISE COULD BE WORKED OUT.
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